

The Lease House, a two and a half story frame residence, was built in the 1850's. The principal facade of the structure is five bays wide. Occupying the second bay is a wooden panelled door with original hardware. The door features two arched panels above two square panels and is topped by a three light transom. Occupying the remaining bays are original 6/6 windows. A one bay entrance porch extends over the main entrance. The porch is supported by four straight columns with decorative arch inset bases that mirror the arched panels of the door.

The entire structure rests on a stone rubble foundation. A standing seam tin roof covers the structure. Beneath the roofline is a boxed cornice with short return. The structure is covered with German or novelty siding. On the north side of the house is a two story open porch opening to the east. The porch is supported by plain wooden columns on both the first and second floors.

The Lease family purchased the residence and surrounding tract of land in 1902 from William B. Ogle.<sup>1</sup> The land has remained in the Lease family since this time. The Lease House lies on a tract of land called Richlands, part of the original tract of Addison's Choice that was obtained from the Lords Baltimore in 1724 by Thomas Addison.<sup>2</sup> The Addison Plantation included three thousand acres of prime land.

A second prominent owner was Captain William Campbell, a Revolutionary War hero who obtained the land from Thomas and Baker Johnson in 1794.<sup>3</sup> The land was retained by Captain Campbell until his death. His will records an inventory of over a thousand acres of land, mansion house and over forty slaves.<sup>4</sup> The Lease House is significant as an early farmhouse built on the original Richlands land tract.

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<sup>1</sup>Frederick County Land Records, Liber D.H.H. 13; Folio 366.

<sup>2</sup>Ibid., Liber PL 7; Folio 192.

<sup>3</sup>Ibid., Liber W.R. 12; Folio 173.

<sup>4</sup>Record of Wills, Frederick County Courthouse, Liber H.S. 2; Folio 506.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Lease House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

South side of Gas House Pike

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth M 68 P 47

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Ignatius E. Lease, etal

Telephone #: 662-2032

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Quinn Orchard Road

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21701

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 1007

Folio #: 391

STREET &amp; NUMBER

North Court St.

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland 21701

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

F-8-28

**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Lease House, a two and a half story frame residence, faces east on the south side of Gas House Pike.

The principal facade is five bays wide. Occupying the second bay is a wooden door with original hardware. The door features two arched panels above two square panels and is topped by a three light transom. Located in the fourth bay is a second wooden panelled door without transom. Occupying the remaining bays on the first and second floors are 6/6 original windows. Wooden louvered shutters once framing the windows now exist on only a few windows.

A one bay entrance porch extends over the main entrance. The porch is supported by four straight columns with decorative arch inset bases that mirror the arched panels of the door. The porch is covered with a standing seam tin roof. Supporting the roof is a plain boxed cornice.

On the north side of the house is a two story open porch opening to the east. The porch is supported by plain wooden columns on both the first and second floors. On the second floor plain straight wooden railing lies between the column and the north wall.

The entire structure rests on a stone rubble foundation. A standing seam tin roof covers the structure. Cast iron snow stops lie above the cornice line; a boxed cornice with short return. The structure is covered with German or novelty siding. Two brick chimneys rise from the roofline; one from the north gable and one from the south gable end.

To the north of the residence is a partially stuccoed stone outbuilding used originally as a smokehouse. The principal facade of the structure is two bays wide with six over six original windows. A brick chimney rises from the northern gable end. The structure is covered by a standing seam tin roof.

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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lease House, a two and a half story frame residence, was built in the 1850's. The home and surrounding tract of land were purchased by the Lease family in 1902 from William B. Ogle.<sup>1</sup> The property has remained in the Lease family till the present day.

The Lease House is situated on a tract of land called Richlands, part of a tract called Addison's Choice. This tract of land has an illustrious past. It was first obtained by Thomas Addison in 1724 from the Lords Baltimore.<sup>2</sup> As Addison's Choice it served as a plantation of three thousand acres growing primarily tobacco and various grain crops.

A number of prominent individuals were involved with the property in the ensuing years. It was purchased by Captain William Campbell, a Revolutionary War hero in 1794 from Thomas and Baker Johnson, trustees for Joseph Sinn.<sup>3</sup> Thomas Johnson, the Revolutionary War Governor of Maryland, was a practicing attorney in Frederick at this time with his brother, Baker Johnson. Captain William Campbell retained the land until the time of his death. His will records the large tract of land involved, plus the Addison House and an inventory of over forty slaves.<sup>4</sup>

The Lease House is an example of a simple farmhouse sufficient for the needs of early farmers in the Gas House Pike area. Its significance lies in the fact that it was one of the early farms built on the original Richlands tract of land.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Frederick County Land Records.

Frederick County Record of Wills.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 127 acres,  
1 rood, 22 perches

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

clh

Deborah Sheetenhelm

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation7/30/79

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

12 East Church St., Winchester Hall694-1063

CITY OR TOWN

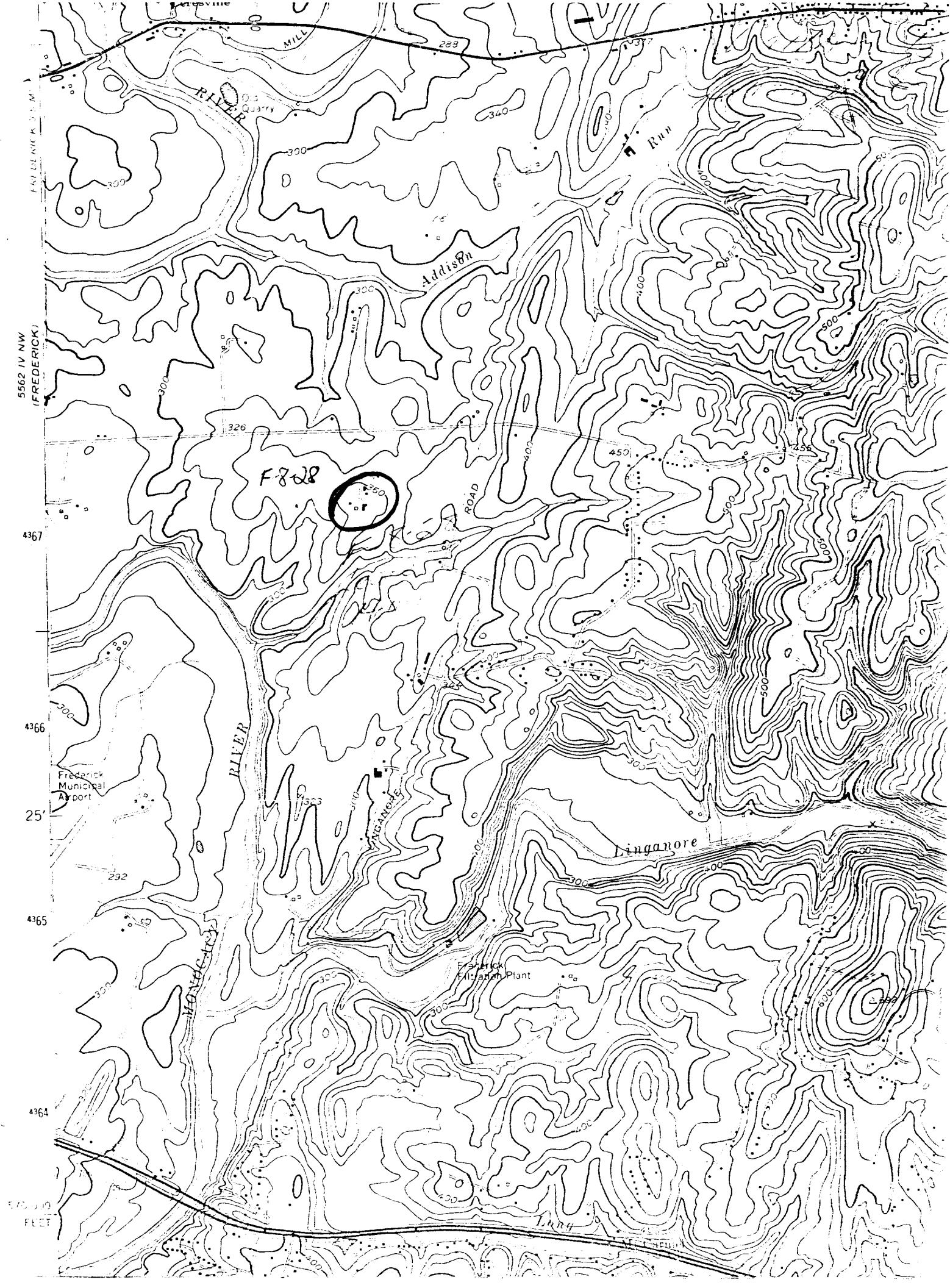
STATE

FrederickMaryland

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438





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Lease House  
east elevation

DES 6/15/79

5/5 East Hoxa Pike





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Lease Horse

Northwest elevation

DES 6/15/79

5/5 Gas Horse Pike